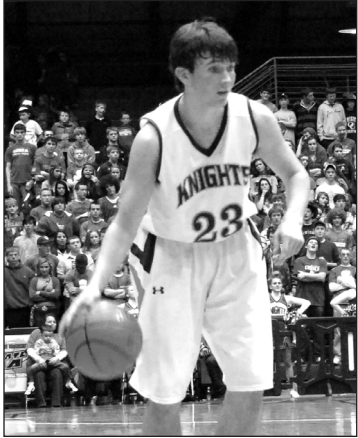


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Both O'Gorman basketball teams put on a show at their respective state tournaments. The boys took the championship trophy while the girls finished as runner-up. See pages 6-7 for more on each team.

Graduate fights long-term illness; gradually recovers

Shilpa Chandran
Co-Editor

While working on a Biology lab on Feb. 17, O'Gorman graduate David Meisinger had an experience that quickly turned terrifying.

"It started with my feet; they were asleep," said D. Meisinger.

This numbness did not worry Meisinger. He thought that he perhaps did not give his body enough time to wake up that morning. After propping his feet up on a chair, he noticed that the numbness in his body had spread upwards. It was at this point that he attempted to stand.

"I couldn't stand all the way, and I fell back down," said D. Meisinger. "As the numbness wore on, it turned into paralysis."

By the time the ambulance came, the paralysis had set in fully.

"It took about fifteen minutes for me to go from completely normal to paralyzed from the waist down," said D. Meisinger.

D. Meisinger, a graduate from



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Graduate David Meisinger undergoes physical therapy to regain use of his legs.

the class of 2010, was a freshman at Morningside College when this disease first hit.

"Being out of town and getting the news that your child is in the hospital and can't move his legs is very frightening," said his

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DUSTY HAFFEMAN / KNIGHT SCROLL

Senior TJ Davis watches as the nurse inserts the needle for him to give blood.

Blood mobile spends more time on campus

Dusty Haffemann
Opinion Co-Editor

This March, a common sight rolled up to O'Gorman, but this time was a little different than others. For 20 years, the blood mobile has been coming to O'G to allow students the opportunity to donate their blood to a greater cause. Students had two days, compared to the usual one day, to get the chance to potentially save lives.

For senior Rachel Tanner it will be her third time giving blood.

"I give blood because it gives me a sense of satisfaction knowing my blood could potentially help someone or even save their life," said Tanner. "It is really a neat experience that I believe everyone should have."

"The reason the blood mobile stayed for two days is that I fill all the time slots and have to turn students down," said Mr. Doug Peterson. "We have a very giving community here at O'G."

Junior Damon Baruth says that

it is not a painful process at all.

"You do not even know the needle goes in your arm unless you are watching," said Baruth.

After the process is over, students are encouraged to eat cookies or a snack and drink some juice. This year, students were even given a free t-shirt for donating their blood.

"Giving blood is just a way to help out in your community and save lives," said Baruth. "I encourage everyone to do it."

Job shadowing allows students rare glimpse into working world

Nicole Scheier
Activities Co-Editor

Throughout March and April, the anatomy classes at O'Gorman have had the opportunity to shadow a variety of careers in the medical field.

"Instead of reading or watching some doctor show about different careers, you get to see it first hand," said senior Zach Bauman.

Some of the other careers students could shadow include: pharmacists, prosthetics, psychiatrists and physical therapists.

"I shadowed an anesthesiologist," said Bauman. "As soon as I walked in the door, I was handed from

one person to another, seeing all types of surgeries."

"I shadowed a child psychologist," said senior Courtney Nelson. "I sat in on three therapy sessions. This shadow helped me realize that it would be very hard for me to listen to stories about suicide attempts, dysfunctional relationships, and other hardships all day, every day."

This project allows the anatomy students to explore a specific career in depth.

It also helps students determine whether or not they could see themselves in that profession in the future.

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Sioux Falls evaluates options for events center location

Ellen Nelson
Assistant Editor

Students and adults in Sioux Falls have been waiting for a new events center to be built. However, a location must be chosen before anything can be built.

"The location of the event center is a very hot topic among the public," said City Councilman Greg Jamison. "What's interesting is that you'll have people on one side of the town who want it on their side of the town but then

would be adamant against it if it was on the other side of town."

Out of the entire city only two locations are being considered for the events center.

"We're going to limit our potential for success by limiting our opportunities for where we could build it," said Jamison. "The criterion [that the location choice should be based on] is that wherever the best economic impact for the area could occur is where it should be."

However, according to Jamison there is also

still a controversy on whether one should be built at all because of how much the events center will cost.

"Sioux Falls definitely needs a new events center because it would bring bigger events to the city that everyone can enjoy," said junior Brittany Nelson.

"I do think we should wait to build it until we have more funding so there is not as much stress on tax payers to repay the loans," said junior Rachel Johnson.

Letter from the Editors

Dear O’Gorman,

Well, it’s that time of year. This is our last letter from the editors, and we just want to thank all of our readers for putting up with our ramblings every other month.

We have been on the *Scroll* staff since our sophomore year and are continually grateful for the amount of support that our readership provides. For that, we truly thank you.

For us, the best part about being on the *Scroll* staff is seeing the teamwork that comes out every issue. It is never just one or two people shouldering the majority of the workload; instead, everyone can be depended on for their individual pages and stories. This teamwork gives the staff an atmosphere of positivity and cooperation that we hope shines through in our paper.

Before we wrap up our time here at the *Scroll*, we want to make sure we thank everyone individually who was involved in the making of the newspaper.

To the upperclassmen, thank



you. It is your reliability and punctuality that allows us to relax when it comes time to send this paper to the publisher. Your consistent work ethic is what makes this paper so great.

To the underclassmen, thank you and good luck! You have also contributed dependably to the paper, and we have no qualms about leaving this to you next year.

We know that you will continue the *Scroll*’s tradition of excellence.

Last, but certainly not least, we would like to thank our advisor, Mr. Van Engen. Mr. V. has supported (most of) our decisions with this paper, while also provid-

ing guidance in order to keep improving the quality of our work.

His arrival at O’Gorman, and ultimately the *Knight Scroll*, was when we were freshman. Since then, he has transformed the paper into the high-quality news source that we hope we put out there every month.

Though we never say it, we do thank him profusely for his advice and dedication to the paper.

Ultimately, we’re going to miss everyone here on the *Scroll* staff, but thank them for the memories we have all made. It is difficult to explain in words our appreciation for the journalism program here at O’Gorman.

We wish luck to all of the future editors of the *Scroll*, and we hope they have as great of a time as we have had these past three years.

Until then, we will continue to put out the best newspaper that we can until our graduation.

Thank you for all of your time and God bless!

Sincerely,
Shilpa & Zach

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mother Judy Meisinger. “To just not be there with him was very difficult.”

The initial diagnosis for this disease was termed Guillain-Barre syndrome. However, as the damage of his nerves did not spread upward past his waistline, this diagnosis was proven incorrect. Eventually, the doctors determined that his disease was Transverse Myelitis.

Since this diagnosis, D. Meisinger has been active on the road to recovery.

“A third make full recovery, a third make partial, and a third make little to none,” said D. Meisinger. “I’m already in that third that makes partial recovery, and they’re hopeful that I’m in the third that makes the full.”

He is set to be released from the hospital on April 15.

“I’m eager to get home, but I want to stay here as long as possible so I can make as much recovery as I can,” said D. Meisinger.

Once home, D. Meisinger has to continue outpatient therapy for around an hour and a half a day.

“Since there are so few re-

ported cases, it’s very difficult to look to the science and see the percentage of recovery possible,” said J. Meisinger. “But I believe, based on what we’ve seen, that progress he’s made today, the positive attitude that he has, the work that he’s invested – I just don’t see how he could accomplish anything less than assisted walking and hopefully unassisted walking.”

Another positive aspect that keeps the Meisingers going is the amount of support received.

“The support has been overwhelming,” said D. Meisinger. “Naturally, when you come from a small community as O’Gorman and SFCS, you expect a certain degree of support, but it’s still been amazing.”

“I can’t put into words how grateful I am for the support from the Catholic school community,” said J. Meisinger. “The outpouring has been wonderful, and it lifts us up to know that people really are following how he’s doing, care, and pray.”

D. Meisinger has only one final message to send to all.

“I just want to thank people for praying for me.”

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Senior portraits
that are far from generic.

"Antichrist" allegations held back Urban VI

Olivia Stebbins
Activities Co-Editor

Bartolomeo Prignano was declared pope during a very difficult time in the Church's history.

The Western Schism was just about to occur, and Catholics were divided about where the pope should reside.

Bartolomeo took the name Urban VI after the death of his

predecessor, Gregory XI. He was chosen because he was Roman, and the many Catholics wanted the papacy to stay in Rome.

Urban VI was not a popular man. However, he understood that, during that time period, the Church had serious problems that needed to be solved.

Priests and cardinals lived in sin and with unnecessary luxuries.

Upon being elected, Urban

VI immediately reprimanded the French cardinals for their actions.

The French cardinals declared that they had been forced to vote for Urban VI. They declared his election invalid, excommunicated him from the Church, and designated him the "Antichrist".

They declared their own pope, Robert of Geneva, who took the name Clement VII.

This began the Western Schism,

a period of history when the Catholic Church was divided between the two popes, one in Avignon and one in Rome.

Both claimed to be the true pope.

Urban VI spent the rest of his life being criticized for his poor handling of the situation and is remembered as the last pope to be elected from outside the College of Cardinals.



Pope Urban VI

New theology teacher finds groove in first year teaching high school

Sam Jacobsen
Zach Cole

Growing up in Milwaukee, Wis., Ms. Miriam Thorn never thought she would have ended up in Sioux Falls, SD teaching at O'Gorman High School.

"I actually applied to two other Catholic high schools in Omaha before I interviewed with SFCS. In all honesty, I do not think I ever had a choice, I truly believe God had already picked O'G for me," said Thorn.

She enjoyed sports and being with her family as a child. She created a strong bond with her sister by collecting many things that people wouldn't expect from a future religion teacher.

"I played all of the sports my grade school offered, soccer, basketball and softball, I did spend some time collecting buttons and Batman paraphernalia but my most beloved "hobby" was playing and collecting Barbie's with my sister Chiara," said Thorn.

Growing up Thorn has always looked up to her older sister Chiara.

"Chiara has and continues



ZACH COLE / KNIGHT SCROLL

Ms. Miriam Thorn teaches her Scripture class. Thorn is a first year teacher at O'Gorman.

to guide me through the rockiest parts of life, from teenage drama, to broken hearts, to losing a friend. I can honestly say that I am who I am today because of her," said Thorn.

Thorn is driven by her faith. One of the driving points that has kept her going is God's love for her and His ultimate plan for her life.

As a teacher, Thorn faces

many challenges to the school year that other teachers might not face.

"My greatest challenge has been delivery. How to deliver the material in a way in which my students can comprehend it. I am just so grateful that my students have been up for the ride," said Thorn.

There have been many highlights to her year but the one that stood out the most for her has

been the students. The students have welcomed Thorn into the school like she been here for years.

"Moving to a new town, where I do not really know anyone, has been difficult.

But being able to come to class every day and share my life with my students, as well as have them share with me, has been such a joy," said Thorn.

Juniors take time to reflect, ponder

Connor Johnson
Staff Writer

Many people try to attain understanding of their faith and themselves throughout their lives.

O'Gorman High School juniors were given the chance to grow in both.

All the juniors along with 30 young adults on March 16 spent the day at the Broom Tree Retreat Center, during which they spent the day having food, fun, and playing games.

The young adults helped out by acting as small group leaders. The sponsors, or group leaders, posed discussion questions for the students.

All of the activities and discussions they participated in were focused on teaching them that they are the men and women of Christ.

Along with coming out with a renewed understanding of themselves, Mr. Jonathan Konz, campus minister, did the organizing and planning of the Retreat.

"I relied a lot on lists to get me through the day," said Mr. Konz.

"My planner is full of little scribbles about every detail that I realized I had to cover, everything from sending an e-mail to a specific person to writing purchase orders for the buses."

He also relied on notes from the previous campus ministers, Mr. Brian Feller and Ms. Jen Moser.

"It was organized pretty well," said junior Peter Klein.

"They gave us time to reflect. They hit us a lot with questions to get us to think about ourselves," said Klein. "I was pretty inspired by how much you could relate to the sponsors."

Overall, the juniors enjoyed their time and would like to return.

"The Junior Retreat was a huge success," said Konz. "We laughed, we cried, we played games and there was plenty of food to go around."

Gospel values vital for spiritual identity

Father Tom Fitzpatrick
Guest Writer

I made a conscious decision a few years ago not to be a statistic...so I signed up for FreeCreditReport.com.

It wasn't due to their catchy jingle; it was because I am leery of the internet and the specter of identity theft.

The horror stories of ruined credit, unfixable liens, and surly collectors knocking on my door were something I wanted to avoid.

So, I grabbed the bull by the horns and decided to protect myself. I signed up for \$14.95 a month, thought of a really cool password, and got on with my life.

We are constantly bombarded with the dangers present in society

and how to protect ourselves from all of sorts of risk and peril—from scams to stained and dingy teeth.

Our parents prattle on about this and that. Advertisements and reality stars hawk wonder-fixes for our beauty deficiencies.

The news warns of the certain demise of civilization. There seems to be no way we can be perfect in personality or looks....and we're all going to die if we don't use ProActiv!

The key to disarming the fear, paranoia and demand for perfection is to sign up for the best identity protection service on the market: www.identitysafe.GOD.

It is super cheap and provides way more protection for me than the monthly bill I receive to pro-

tect the vast assets I have been able to accumulate on my salary.

Real identity theft occurs when we live according to the social structure and expectations of our peers.

We think somehow we have to talk like them and act in a manner that places popularity and cool above what is good and true.

The end result is no identity, just a human puppet afraid of its shadow. Bullying and gossip betray an individual's lack of identity.

Through Baptism, we are given all the identity we need as children of God.

This identity forms our dignity; it enables us to develop our talents, recognize our individuality and be comfortable with it.



Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick

As importantly, it enables us to be comfortable with the Christian identity of others.

This is an overarching lesson of Christ.

Don't get ripped off...protect your identity through the Gospel.

Art Club sees growth, encourages creativity

Josh Jorgensen
Frankie Maxwell

What started as an idea has flourished into a popular weekly activity for many O’Gorman students.

The Art Club started this school year in October and has grown as an admired organization among the artists at O’Gorman.

“The students who have a talent in art find that the club is a good outlet for them,” said Art Club adviser Mr. Gary Siska.

The majority of students who attend the Art Club meetings are students who are not able to fit the class in their schedule.

Some of the students who went now have found a new activity that excites them and will keep an interest throughout high school.

Other students find that the Art Club allows them to build on their ideas outside of the classroom.

“It provides different opportunities than in the Drawing and Painting class,” said junior Robert Lethcoe.

“I carved a pumpkin for the

first time while attending Art Club.”

This group, however, is about more than just art - after all, it is a Club.

“Getting to get people from all grades together is great,” said Art Club President Abby Johnson. “If it wasn’t for this group, many of us wouldn’t have met each other.”

More than just providing an outlet for art exploration and meeting friends, the Art Club has goals as well that they would like to meet.

“We would like to plan a trip sometime soon,” said Vice-President Aaron Culey.

“It would be great to see different forms of art.”

Besides just seeing art, the Club wants to create some of their own.

“We want to create a mural somewhere in the school,” said Johnson.

“It would be great to see some of our art in the school.”

Recently, the club hosted a tattoo night.

Students were invited to have a temporary tattoo painted on their



FRANKIE MAXWELL / KNIGHT SCROLL

Senior Ashlee Hanlon lets her creative energy flow during one of the art club’s Thursday afternoon meetings in Mr. Siska’s classroom.

arm.

According to Siska, nearly 70 students received tattoos.

These tattoos were also given to the Oral Interp team, whose national qualifier tournament was

that following weekend.

“The tattoos really helped us to get pumped for our coming tournament,” said senior Jack Billion. “I got a tattoo that related to my piece, so that made it even cooler.”

Events like these help to broaden art club’s base of students to more than just the usual crowd.

This club strives to help people in many ways and become more involved with the community.

Musical competitions wrap up end of year

Ovation nears end of season with perseverance, success

Ellen Nelson
Assistant Editor

Nearing the end of its 2011 season, O’Gorman’s Ovation’s perseverance to continually improve has been paying off.

Although the team didn’t make finals their first competition, they have gained experience with each competition, making finals at their second and third competition. At their fourth competition the team achieved the title of Grand Champion at Washington High School’s Best of Show, a first ever for Ovation.

Ovation’s success can somewhat be attributed to the strong leadership present throughout the team.

“This year’s Ovation members, led by a strong senior class, are much more focused on doing their absolute best all the time,” said Ovation director Cathy Britton.

“If anything, we have too much leadership and everyone wants to lead,” said senior Joey Johnson.

Despite this slight overload of leadership, Johnson said that the team has been working really well together, always pushing to be



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of O’Gorman’s Ovation! Show Choir pose during a performance of their 2011 show.

better.

“They all want to do well at competitions and will work hard to make that happen,” said Britton. “It’s fun to observe the students as they learn to work together to create something they could not do alone.”

Another factor in Ovation’s progressive success is the chemistry of the team.

“Being in Ovation is like having a second family,” said senior Brittany Dardis. “We’re all really close.”

“There isn’t really a division of classes,” said Johnson. “We’re

just a show choir.”

Ovation’s bond and team attitude is actually one of the goals of the show choir, along with living with no regrets, being respectful, and continuously improving.

Through working toward achieving these goals, Ovation’s director finds her favorite aspect about coaching show choir.

“My favorite part is seeing the growth in the students not only in individual talent but as they continue to define themselves as young men and women with confidence and positive self-esteem,” said Britton.

Experience gained through competition of All State Band

JR Stassi
Opinion Co-Editor

Since 1953 O’Gorman has been sending students to the All-State band competition to showcase their skills and talents on their given instrument.

“Being selected for All State Band is the highest honor we can give to our Students,” said Dr. Duane Niles.

This year O’Gorman is represented by six outstanding students. Each year four judges make the voyage around the state to judge over 700 high school musicians. The musicians that make it are then split into two bands that will perform together.

This year seniors Amy Neidich and Cassie Tomac, juniors Rachel Johnson and Sam Steffl, and freshmen Chris Downey and Nicole Clemen were selected to play in the 2011 All-State band.

The honor can be received all four years of high school, but students who make it one year won’t be guaranteed to make it the next. Participants have to re-

audition each year.

“All-State gives our musicians the chance to perform with the best in the state for a concert,” said Niles.

All the years of learning and hard work culminate in one show that puts them in the spotlight of college scouts.

The honor puts one in a position to receive great scholarships, since All State is the highest honor for a high school musician.

“It’s a great honor to be selected to all state band,” said junior Sam Steffl.

The concert is held in Yankton. It is a demanding three days that is the pinnacle of success for a band member.

The participants undergo a grueling two and a half days of practicing music that is just a bit harder than most other high school music.

The concerts will take place March 24-26. The two bands will play on Saturday the 26. The first band plays at 4:00 pm and the other band will play around 7:30.

Outdoor activities rejuvenate students

Josh Jorgensen
Staff Writer

Spring has arrived bringing outdoor activities in full force. From frisbee golf to rugby, the activities have begun, and the warm weather is knocking.

With weather in the 60s, many students are satisfied just being able to shed heavy winter coats.

Some individuals are taking advantage of the weather to have fun outdoors, which they can't enjoy in the winter.

One of the activities that students take part in is frisbee golf.

"It's fun, free and inexpensive," said senior Austin Whaley. "Besides playing just because it's cheap, my friends and I get to hang outside, catch some rays and have a good time while the weather heats up."

All that is needed for a day of fun at Tut Hill is a frisbee and some buddies.

With weekend tournaments beginning in the late spring, there is always something to do outdoors. At these tournaments, the competition between friends can occur.

"It's a good way to be competitive, but in a friendly atmosphere," said junior Calvin Bloemendaal. "But getting to be outside enjoying the weather is by far the best part."

Another activity that heats up in the spring is basketball.

Playing basketball is quite common in the spring because the weather allows students to be outside and play at parks rather than trying to find gyms.

"On nice days, I like to call my friends and get a game together at the local park," said junior John Schoppert. "Playing basketball is so fun because it's convenient and everyone can play."

Basketball is easy activity to be a part of because every park has a court to jump on and play. Even playing alone can be advantageous, if you are trying to get a good exercise.

"I like to play to stay in shape, and to constantly prepare for Hi-Y," said junior Mitch

Kasten.

Playing with friends is easy, because there are usually people at parks already, so you can just join a game and begin playing.

"Basketball allows me to get done with the G and the T, then when I get home all I have left is the L," said Schoppert.

An uncommon sport that is becoming increasingly popular in the U.S. is rugby.

Practices for rugby started last month. Rugby is a club sport for high school students. The team plays its games all around the region.

"Rugby is fun and exciting," said junior Ryan McGreevy. "It's great to play in the spring because the weather is not too hot, and it makes you look forward to summer."

Rugby is played all over the world, but just recently has it become popular locally.

There are many teams in Minnesota that the team travels to compete with to provide a variety of competition and enhance the challenge.

"It's a very hard but rewarding sport," said McGreevy. "It really takes football and soccer and puts them together into a fun sport."

Although the season is in the spring, the team has practices all through the winter. This allows them to keep in shape and constantly prepare for the season ahead.

"The season is fun, because the competition is tough," said McGreevy. "We constantly get better, and the off season helps us to do that."

Now that spring has arrived, outdoor activities are going to come to a front. The weekends no longer have to be filled with sitting inside and watching television.

Other activities that allow students to revel in the spring atmosphere are ultimate frisbee, blind tag, ninja, capture the flag, swinging at the park, playing at the Falls, SCUBA diving and Quidditch.

These are just a few different activities to help students soak up the sun and have a good time in the coming spring.



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Above: Seniors Caitlin Woodard, Kara Lawler, Katie Schwebach, Jon Ermer, C.J. Schrier, Kelsey Kirby, Ryan Burke and Joey Johnson play Quidditch at Tut Hill Park. Even practicing for Quidditch allows students to revel in the spring weather despite the muddy playing field.



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Below (left to right): Seniors James Orlando and Meg Townsend practice SCUBA diving at the Sanford Wellness Center in order to prepare to earn their certifications in anticipation of future SCUBA diving adventures.

Activities and speakers expose students to different cultures

Shilpa Chandran
Co-Editor

Every other Thursday, a global phenomenon occurs right in the halls of O'Gorman high school. That phenomenon is known to the average student as International Club.

This club, which boasts 10-75 students at any given meeting, participates in a variety of different activities that strive to expose O'Gorman teens to the world.

"The mission of International Club is twofold," said Ms. Kristin Kuchenbecker, co-founder of International Club. "We want to make sure our international students feel welcome at O'Gorman and have a place where people care to learn about them and their culture."

"Secondly, we want our own students to learn more about other cultures that they may not be exposed to during their regular school day but will

be exposed to in the future."

Events they have organized include a dance night, a movie/take-out night, several cooking nights, and speakers from different cultures.

"I love all the activities that this club has," said junior Lauren Bird. "They're really fun and also help to show me different cultures."

They also celebrate diverse holidays, such as Oktoberfest, Day of the Dead, and St. Nicolas Day. In the future, they hope to incorporate foreign board and card games that allow students to connect with adolescents from other countries.

Recently, David Wal Jal, a political refugee, came to International Club to speak about his experiences.

"He shared his stories about his life and schooling in a variety of refugee camps in Ethiopia, his journey to come to the US, and cultural differences," said Kuchenbecker.

"He also explained to us about the

situation in the Sudan, the rebels, the war, and the most recent election to divide Sudan into two countries."

Mr. Jal has also begun a project entitled "The Khor Wakow School Project", named after a river in southern Sudan. He aims to raise money to build elementary schools in the country.

From this event, International Club hopes to move forward with other engaging activities.

"We are always looking for new and interesting ways to bring cultures alive to our students," said Kuchenbecker.

"We welcome students with ideas and interests to come to a meeting and share them with the group."

"Hopefully, International Club impacts students by exposing them to other cultures and helping to build that feeling of being part of a global community," said Mrs. Kelly Brose, co-founder of International Club.

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Knights claim fourth title in six years

JR Stassi
Entertainment Co-Editor

The Knights finished the season in the highly anticipated state finale with a win over the second ranked Mitchell Kernels.

Right off the bat the Knights claimed an early lead, but it quickly evaporated mainly due to O'G's inability to box out the Kernels. Going into half time the Knights clung to a 27-25 lead despite being out-rebounded 21-6.

"The coaches said if we wanted to win the game we would have to limit them to one shot and done, and that's what we did and that's why we were successful," said senior Cedrick Lang.

The second half started off with senior guard Sterling Nielsen winning the Spirit of Su award. The Award went along with a game high 17 points. Lang also contributed 14 points and 9 rebounds.

"It's a great honor but I was happier that we won the game. On the way back to the bench Coach Robey said congrats but let's get what we came here for," said senior Nielsen.

Clutch free throws were a main contributor to Nielsen's points. The lead for the Knights grew at times upwards of 10 points at times. Any thought of comebacks were extinguished by the clutch shooting of the Knights. Numerous times after big plays by the Kernels the Knights answered with a 3-pointer. These shots came from the hot

hands of Connor Schaeftbauer and Nielsen.

"It felt great to hit that shot, it gave us a little momentum, and luckily it was smooth sailing from there on," said Nielsen.

The game continued to grow farther and farther out of reach, and was iced by Mitchell coach Gary Munsen calling a late timeout that allowed both squads walk off the court to a standing ovation and "Thank You Senior" chants. This also gave the bench players the opportunity to play in a Championship game. This pleased the O'G crowd as they chanted "We Want Zach" referring to 5'4 senior Zach Cole who became a fan favorite over the past two years. The final score was 56-49.

The journey to the tournament started with the district tournament. The team was first pitted against the Brookings Bobcats. The Knights claimed their spot in the district championship against the Watertown Arrows with the 18 point 60-42 win over the Bobcats.

The next hurdle on the road to the show was the District 1AA championship against the Arrows. The Knights claimed a 57-32 victory in an earlier meeting.

The second meeting of the AA power houses went a little differently, but the outcome was the same. The Knights weathered the barrage that the Arrows threw at them. The final score was 58-46.

O'Gorman entered the 100th South Dakota AA basketball tour-



KNIGHT SCROLL

Junior Connor Schaeftbauer brings the ball up the court against Brandon Valley.

namment as the top seed. This meant that they would play the Brandon Valley Lynx.

The Lynx had pulled a monstrous upset over the Washington Warriors in the first round of districts. The Knights had narrowly defeated the Lynx in their meeting in the season finale.

The Knights built an early lead that lasted until mid-way through the third when the Lynx started to light up the field with opportune 3

pointers that only led to a Knights defensive rally that shut down the Lynx Perimeter shooting.

The Knights won 50-39 propelling them into Friday's semi-final game against the Lincoln Patriots.

The Knights got off to a slow start that allowed the Patriots to hang around.

Down late in the game, senior Keaton Moffit stole Mulder's pass and darted down court to finish with a textbook finger roll that put

the Knights up 43-42 with 6.4 seconds left.

The Patriots never had a good shot opportunity as Ty Jaros threw up a wild shot that Cedrick Lang rebounded as time expired to send his team to the Championship game.

They accomplished the goal of winning back to back state titles.

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Veteran squad aims to improve as strong competitor in state

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Bolstered mainly by a returning team, the Knights track and field members plan to utilize the strengths gained last year to propel them this year.

"I'm hoping our team will be a strong competitor this year," said returning senior Abbey VanDenBerg. "We have a lot of people out this year and that's a good sign, because in track there is definitely strength in numbers."

The large number of people is one asset the team plans to use. Each member is valuable, and all have different talents.

"This year we are a really diverse group," said VanDenBerg. "We have athletes to excel in all events. We can only expect great things when we have so many different competitors."

The team looks to compliment the fresh talent on the team this year with the experience of the older competitors.



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Senior Patrick Peterson competes in the 800 meter event at a 2010 track meet in Sioux Falls.

The chemistry within the team is very important to the success of the season as well. "It will be hard because the seniors last year made it so much fun," said Kae Januschka, another returning senior track member.

However, the changes to the team can be used as an asset. "I think the team will do well this

year because we will be supported by underclassmen," said Januschka.

The spirit of the team is one of overall excitement and enthusiasm for the upcoming season. "This season is a new year with a better attitude," said juniors Connor Branick and Keegan Miles. "This season we look to be...more than enough!"

Girls golfers chip toward another tournament run

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Although they are missing key contributors to last year's state title team, the Lady Knight golfers hope to once again hoist the gold at the state golf tournament.

"We will be working just as hard if not harder than last year so we can defend our state title," said senior Nadia Baka.

"The team has a mind set to perform the best at every meet," said golf coach Rod Garrison.

The team's goals for this season are the same compared to previous seasons: win city, win conference, and make it to the top three at state.

"I'd like to finish in the top three at city and the top five at state and conference," said Baka.

The team has three returning players this year: Baka, junior

Michaela Kouri and sophomore Claire Jansa. One challenge that the girls' golf team faces includes the loss of team members.

"We lost three great seniors last year," said Baka. "However, there are definitely girls with the ability to take their place."

The graduating seniors included Megan and Whitney Wheeler and Molly Donohue. Each member contributed to the state title squad of 2010.

"They were our veteran squad who played together for a number of years," said Garrison.

"We have to overcome the quality of play," said Garrison.

Some competition that the team will face this season includes Brookings, Yankton and Huron. The first meet of the season is on April 5 at Elmwood for girls' varsity and for girls' JV.